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§ 423.132 Public disclosure of pharmaceutical prices for equivalent drugs.

(a) *General requirements.* Except as provided under paragraph (c) of this section, a Part D sponsor must require a pharmacy that dispenses a covered Part D drug to inform an enrollee of any differential between the price of that drug and the price of the lowest priced generic version of that covered Part D drug that is therapeutically equivalent and bioequivalent and available at that pharmacy, unless the particular covered Part D drug being purchased is the lowest-priced therapeutically equivalent and bioequivalent version of that drug available at that pharmacy.

(b) *Timing of notice.* Subject to paragraph (d) of this section, the information under paragraph (a) of this section must be provided after the drug is dispensed at the point of sale or, in the case of dispensing by mail order, at the time of delivery of the drug.

(c) *Waiver of public disclosure requirement.* CMS waives the requirement under paragraph (a) of this section in any of the following cases:

(1) An MA private fee-for-service plan described in §422.4 of this chapter that—

(i) Offers qualified prescription drug coverage and provides plan enrollees with access to covered Part D drugs dispensed at all pharmacies, without regard to whether they are contracted network pharmacies; and

(ii) Does not charge additional cost-sharing for access to covered Part D drugs dispensed at out-of-network pharmacies.

(2) An out-of-network pharmacy.

(3) An I/T/U network pharmacy.

(4) A network pharmacy that is located in any of the U.S. territories.

(5) A long-term care network pharmacy.

(6) Other circumstances where CMS deems compliance with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section to be impossible or impracticable.

(d) *Modification of timing requirement.* CMS modifies the requirement under paragraph (b) of this section under circumstances where CMS deems compli-

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ance with this requirement to be impossible or impracticable.

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§ 423.136 Privacy, confidentiality, and accuracy of enrollee records.

For any medical records or other health and enrollment information it maintains with respect to enrollees, a PDP sponsor must establish procedures to do the following—

(a) Abide by all Federal and State laws regarding confidentiality and disclosure of medical records, or other health and enrollment information. The PDP sponsor must safeguard the privacy of any information that identifies a particular enrollee and have procedures that specify—

(1) For what purposes the information is used within the organization; and

(2) To whom and for what purposes it discloses the information outside the organization.

(b) Ensure that medical information is released only in accordance with applicable Federal or State law, or under court orders or subpoenas.

(c) Maintain the records and information in an accurate and timely manner.

(d) Ensure timely access by enrollees to the records and information that pertain to them.

Subpart D—Cost Control and Quality Improvement Requirements

§ 423.150 Scope.

This subpart sets forth the requirements relating to the following:

(a) Drug utilization management programs, quality assurance measures and systems, and medication therapy management programs (MTMP) for Part D sponsors.

(b) Consumer satisfaction surveys of Part D plans.

(c) Electronic prescription drug programs for prescribers, dispensers, and Part D sponsors.

(d) Quality improvement organization (QIO) activities.

(e) Compliance deemed on the basis of accreditation.

(f) Accreditation organizations.